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SUBJECT: RANSOM DEMAND FOR JAPANESE TECHNICIAN KIDNAPPED
NEAR ZAMBOANGA

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1. MAY 21 PRESS REPORTS THAT KIDNAPPERS HAVE DEMANDED
400,000 PESOS FOR RELEASE OF MASATO OKI, WHO WAS KIDNAPPED
MAY 15 (REFTEL). ON MAY 20, MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN
ZAMBOANGA DISPATCHED REPRESENTATIVE TO INFORM
KIDNAPPERS GOP DOES NOT INTEND TO PAY ANY RANSOM. OKI
IS REPORTEDLY BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN MARANG MARAN, BASILAN
ISLAND. PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT COMMANDER OF PROVINCIAL
CONSTABULARY COMPONENT IN THE SOUTHERN COMMAND CONFERRED
WITH OFFICIAL OF PEARL FARMS EMPLOYING OKI. HE SHOWED
THEM LETTER FROM KIDNAP VICTIM SAYING HE WAS IN GOOD
HEALTH AND WAS BEING TREATED WELL. COMPANY OFFICIALS
SAID THEY WOULD ABIDE BY ANY DECISION TAKEN BY THE MILITARY
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AND WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY THE RANSOM IF THE PRO-

VINCIAL CONSTABULARY SO ADVISES. ON THE OTHER HAND,
THE FIRM WOULD ALSO RESPECT "THE NO RANSOM" POLICY OF
THE GOVERNMENT IF THIS CONTINUED.

2. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF MAY 21 THAT
THERE ARE NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE AND THAT
JAPANESE EMBASSY IS LEAVING MATTER IN HANDS OF PHILIPPINE
MILITARY. JAPANESE CONSUL NOTED RUEFULLY THAT HE HAS
LEARNED FROM PREVIOUS INCIDENT TO KEEP QUIET LEST THIS
COMPLICATE THE MATTER OR THE GOP DISTORT WHAT HE HAS
SAID. OKI IS THE 35TH JAPANESE AND 39TH FOREIGNER KID-
NAPPED OR HELD CAPTIVE SINCE MID-1975. JAPANESE CONSUL
SAID IT WAS STILL UNCLEAR WHETHER KIDNAPPERS WERE
ACTUALLY NMLF OR MERELY CRIMINALS TRYING TO STRIKE IT
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